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Date: 22 Jul 1993 15:20:20 GMT
From: drt@athena.mit.edu
Subject: Call sign snobbery
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Jul22.083830.174873@locus.com> dana@lando.la.locus.com (Dana H. Myers) writes:

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* Dana H. Myers KK6JQ | Views expressed here are *
* (310) 337-5136 | mine and do not necessarily
*
* dana@locus.com DoD #466 | reflect those of my employer
*
* This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests *

KK6JQ = 9+3+9+3+11+3+13+3+13+7 = 74 units long! No wonder you

want to liberalize code requirements! :->

-drt (who turned in the 72-unit KA2CEF for a shorter call)

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David R. Tucker KG2S drt@athena.mit.edu

|'Most political sermons teach the congregation nothing except |
what newspapers are taken at the Rectory.' -C.S. Lewis

Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1993 13:48:43 GMT

From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!sdd.hp.com!nigel.msen.com!yale.edu!newsserver.jvnc.net!
newsserver.egr.uri.edu!orca!swamik@ames.arpa

Subject: Code/NoCode

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Theres been tons of stuff going around abt the NoCode/Code licenses. KD1HZ is right, the FCC gave in to pressure from Big Radio Comapnies and created the license class. I think it attracts alot of the CB croud who just memorize answers and spill them out on the mult-choice sheet. But not all nocoders are like that. Im sure the license class also brings in a lot of excellent operators, some even take the code later. I just don't want VHF/UHF to turn into CB. Again, alot of CB people who move UP to ham radio also turn out to be excellent operators (I know some). Maybe the FCC should allow a nocode license for one year, after that the code must be taken...I don't know, just a thought...

No offense to nocodes who are good operators...

 If u have a UNIX machine, direct all flames to /dev/null!

 If not, direct all flames to /dev/null@orca.ele.uri.edu

Again this is NOT a no code flame, just an opinion...

73s de KB1AMB/AA

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& 20 meter band (SSB & CW)

73s

Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1993 14:42:36 GMT
From: haven.umd.edu!darwin.sura.net!rsg1.er.usgs.gov!dgg.cr.usgs.gov!
bodoh@ames.arpa
Subject: Code/NoCode
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <CAKJp8.6CK@egr.uri.edu>, swamik@orca.ele.uri.edu (Swami Kumaresan) writes:

|>...
|> operators (I know some). Maybe the FCC should allow a nocode license for one year,
|> after that the code must be taken...I don't know, just a thought...
|>
|> 73s de KB1AMB/AA
|> 73s

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Interesting idea - shorter duration no-code licenses... that would be an excellent incentive for upgrading. No-coders would have to retest annually or upgrade to stay on the air. You would have to assign calls from a different block each year (in rotation) to prevent people from simply continuing to use the same call illegally but it is doable. Calls could be 3x4 with the first character of the last group of four denoting the year;

NIY2ARTY	Valid for 1994
NIY2BRTY	Valid for 1995...

When retesting for no-code the applicant would be assigned a completely different call rather than simply incrementing the letter. This would reduce the chances of someone simply using the incremented call without re-testing. The longer call would also be an incentive to upgrade. The number of times an individual could re-test at nocode could be limited to two (for those who test late in the year, etc...).

BTW - I was once totally against code - but after listening to both sides of the discussion, I am now somewhat pro-code. I can see the benefits even though in some aspects it is outmoded. I do believe in reducing the maximum code requirement to 13 WPM though...

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+ USGS/EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, SD, USA 57198 (605) 594-6830 +
+ Internet; bodoh@dggs.cr.usgs.gov (152.61.192.66)
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+ "Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends!" EL&P
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Date: 22 Jul 93 16:20:07 CDT
From: equalizer!timbuk.cray.com!hemlock.cray.com!cherry10!dadams@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Policy of Reverse Autopatches, anything
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article 22791@rsg1.er.usgs.gov, bodoh@dggs.cr.usgs.gov (Tom Bodoh) writes:

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|Only if your Pizza Patrol is on the air and can copy the required 20 WPM
|code! Hopefully their 300' tower has been approved by the zoning board.
|

Looking past the humor in the above, I think the zoning boards are usually
only too willing to allow businesses to erect whatever towers. After all
it affects jobs and taxes and ...

David, NOWWN/AA

November Zero Whiskey Whiskey November

--David C. Adams Statistician Cray Research Inc. dadams@cray.com

-Sourdough and Ham-

- Minnesotans for Global Warming! -

(&gardner)

Date: 22 Jul 93 10:32:38 EDT
From: psinnntp!arrrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: PRB-1 and the ARRL
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.policy, little@nuts2u.enet.dec.com (nuts2u::little)
writes:

>ehare@arrrl.org (Ed Hare - KA1CV) writes:

>>Please remember that the Board of Directors is NOT from Newington! One
>>of each is elected in each Division. The staff has no influence over

>>what is discussed at a Board meeting or its outcome.

>So do we write our division managers and ask why PRB-1 apparently means
>nothing to the courts and silly awards merit mentioning in an ARRL
>bulletin?

If you feel that ARRL should do more about antenna-height ordinance problems and/or restrictive covenant problems, certainly! I always encourage people to make their views known to their Division Director, on this, or any, Amateur Radio issue.

>Certainly the staff must hear what's going on, and I have to
>believe Chris Imlay knows what's going on.

On the other hand, the staff and Board have not done nothing. We do have already have a good information package about PRB-1, have set up and administer a program to refer folks to qualified attorneys, etc. I suggest that you contact John Hennessee (jhenness@arrl.org) about any PRB-1 problems you are having.

>Tell me where to write. I'm warming up the PC now...

The Directors are listed on page 8 of any recent QST. A list is also available on our ARRL Automated Electronic Mail Server, info@arrl.org . The file name is: ARRL-DIRECTORS.

73 from ARRL HQ, Ed

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"You will never put the puzzle together
if you keep putting all of the pieces
back in the box." Colleen

Date: 22 Jul 1993 15:37:01 GMT
From: orca.es.com!olin!alan@uunet.uu.net
Subject: PRB-1 and the ARRL
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <L0u37B6w165w@nraven.wariat.org> floyd@nraven.wariat.org (Douglas Dever) writes:
...stuff deleted...

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> Or those who wanted to be members would simply quit checking
>the box with the incumbants name because they don't care as long
>as they can send cute little cards for talking and saying nothing.
>You know the type of conversations I'm refering to.. the ones
>I listen to on a reciever all the time:
>
> My Call is <whatever>
> My Name is <whatever>
> I am located <wherever>
> My rig is <whatever>
> I'm using a <whatever> antenna
> It's 80 degrees and sunny here
>
>
>Gee.. makes me want to run right out and buy HF gear, ya know?
>

Come on, Doug. Yes, it is true that you will hear QSOs like the example that you gave, but you can also hear QSOs which contain additional more interesting content. It depends on where you choose to listen and when. Sometimes the call, name, QTH, rig, antenna, wx type of QSO occurs because of a language barrier between the operators. Many hams in other countries do not know the english language, and most of us in the U.S. are not fluent in any foreign languages. It would not be much fun to sit there listening to each other calling CQ and not work anyone. So we do try to reach out and make contact, even if it is a brief, seemingly meaningless exchange, we can make new friends, even if we do not speak the same language. The common ground is amateur radio, and we have the opportunity to enjoy a privelege that the average person knows little about.

Here in the U.S., we enjoy freedom of speech, and we are allowed to talk about anything on the ham bands as long as we use common sense and "keep it clean". We can have informal and more formal networks, and on any night of the week you can find discussions going on about politics, religion and even sex now and then. You can even listen to frequency wars if you like, but that can really get to be boring after a while. Many of us feel that it is not appropriate to discuss politics with hams in other countries. Some of us might not feel comfortable discussing the war with an operator in Bosnia or politics with an operator in China. Perhaps that operator on the other end does not live in a country which is as free as ours is. Perhaps he could be arrested if he were found to be discussing the wrong kinds of things. Think about it...there are still some countries left in the world where the government will not tolerate amateur radio operation either by its citizens

or by visitors. This barrier was broken recently in Albania, and now contacts with hams in Albania are a regular occurrence. Keep in mind that, particularly on HF, the people that we talk to are for the most part, total strangers. So just how do you deal with striking up a conversation with a stranger? Usually the exchange of names is one of the first steps, isn't it? Usually you do not discuss your personal life with someone that you just met, do you? So perhaps the name, QTH, signal report, rig, antenna and wx QSO is not so inappropriate after all - to start off with. Good luck.

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Alan Brubaker, K6X0 |~|_ "Pumps have handles, Hams have names;
<IYF disclaimer> | * |mine's Lee, what's yours?" - Lee Wical,
Internet: alan@dsd.es.com|____|KH6BZF, the Bloomin' Zipper Flipper.

Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1993 20:53:02 GMT
From: pa.dec.com!nntpd2.cxo.dec.com!nuts2u.enet.dec.com!little@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: PRB-1 and the ARRL
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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>administer a program to refer folks to qualified attorneys, etc. I suggest
>that you contact John Hennessee (jhenness@arrl.org) about any PRB-1
>problems you are having.

I don't mean to suggest they've done nothing. In fact they've been very helpful. I've even received 3 PRB-1 packages in the last year (although I think I only ever asked for one of them :-). I guess I don't believe referring people to attorneys is the solution. I've already lost if the answer is attorneys. The cost to litigate far exceeds my financial resources. What I believe is needed is pressure on the FCC and congress (that is now considering a bill related to amateur radio) to put more teeth into anything new that is enacted. The FCC in PRB-1 hoped local government would take their request to heart and not require setting specific limits. In some areas that has worked. In others, it has failed miserably. If the local government has an attorney on staff, the cost to them is low, plus as a taxpayer, I end up partially paying to defeat myself.

One comment about the PRB-1 package. The material in there is extremely dated. Many of the cases and studies are several years old. I think that detracts from its value to a great extent. If there haven't been any more recent positive cases or studies, then I think that is an indication of how poor a job PRB-1 is doing.

I'll write John and I also need to fill in Chris Imlay and my section manager on my recent failure in obtaining a special use permit. Makes me wish I had discovered amateur radio before my last big move instead of after it. Oh well.

73,
Todd
N9MWB

Date: 22 Jul 93 20:39:50 GMT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: STILL waiting for your license? Read this and weep!
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, alanb@sr.hp.com (Alan Bloom) writes:
>I think the ARRL is crazy to agree to take over licensing of club
>stations, as the FCC has proposed. They will get little or no
>thanks from those who use the service and will have to suffer the
>slings and arrows of outrageous indignation from anyone who feels
>their service was not up to snuff.

So what? You do things because they need to be done, not for the perceived glory.

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Date: Thu, 22 Jul 93 15:22:56 GMT
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Subject: STILL waiting for your license? Read this and weep!
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <CAJ6FH.3Ds@eis.calstate.edu> jherndo@eis.calstate.edu (John Herndon) writes:

>I haven't looked into the "allowed length of time" that the VE and ARRL
>can hold the application. If it is 10 days per section, then I can't see
>any excuse for the ARRL holding on to the application for over 10 days.
>

I thought the VE and ARRL was suppose to alleviate the FCC backlog
Guess now they also seem to need to be alleviated !
8 weeks and still waiting.....

Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1993 16:57:37 GMT
From: concert!uvaarpa!murdoch!livia.acs.Virginia.EDU!jeg7e@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: The ARRL is NOT "Newington!"
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1783@arrl.org> bbattles@arrl.org (Brian Battles WS10) writes:
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> Quitting the ARRL means that: (1) You're no longer entitled to officially
>complain about ARRL policies or actions because you're no longer a voting
>"constituent" of your Division Director, (B) You don't support the only
>organization that's at all effective in representing Amateur Radio interests
>in government, and (C) You're satisfied to "ride the coattails" of your fellow
>hams who are active paid-up Members by enjoying the same on-air privileges and
>services the ARRL works to establish and protect.

This is a typically preposterous ARRL concept.

What you say here is that W5YI is NOT effective in representing Amateur Radio interests. What you say is that ONLY the ARRL works to establish and protect Amateurs interests. Not only are there other groups (like W5YI) but there are individuals as well who bring valued efforts to the community.

I don't buy it. The ARRL is NOT the end all and be all of Amateur Radio. Perhaps a little humility would go a long way towards winning some respect from the Amateur Radio community. The days where a select few OF's get to pick and choose what's important or representative of OUR interests is over.

Try to become a REAL voice for the community by understanding your place within it. I'd have a lot more respect for the League if they did that. As for not being 'entitled' to complain about ARRL policies and actions, HOGWASH. As long as the League represents itself this way it is IMPERATIVE that those of us who disagree have a voice in distancing ourselves from the actions of a group which purports to be the 'only organization'.

Personally I like and dislike the League. I'm not currently a member because I don't need a QST subscription to learn how to make QRP HF rigs or contest information. I do find the repeater directory to be of occasional use. They are a rather useful source of books and such...

And, of course, PLEASE note the disclaimer in my .signature.

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\\ \ / Jon Gefaell, Computer Systems Engineer | Amateur Radio - KD4CQY
\\ \ / Information Technology and Communications | -Will chmod for food-
\\ \ / The University of Virginia, Charlottesville | Hacker@Virginia.EDU

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Date: 22 Jul 1993 19:34 CDT
From: nntp.ucsb.edu!mustang.mst6.lanl.gov!nntp-server.caltech.edu!
elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!jane.uh.edu!st2cm@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <22i5vt\$9k6@techbook.techbook.com>, <CAIpCC.MsL@dartvax.dartmouth.edu>,
<1993Jul21.153450.28504@rsg1.er.usgs.gov>uh.edu
Subject : Re: STILL waiting for your license? Read this and weep!

In article <1993Jul21.153450.28504@rsg1.er.usgs.gov>, bodoh@dgg.cr.usgs.gov (Tom Bodoh) writes...

>In article <CAIpCC.MsL@dartvax.dartmouth.edu>, Kenneth.E.Harker@Dartmouth.Edu
(Kenneth E. Harker) writes:

>|> In article <22i5vt\$9k6@techbook.techbook.com>

>|> genew@techbook.techbook.com (Gene Wolford) writes:

>|>

>|> The VEC that gave me my test told me "oh,

>|> around eight to ten weeks..." What he should have said was "oh, eight

>|> to ten weeks after the ARRL wastes three weeks and \$5.60 of your

>|> money..."

>

Since when do VECs give exams? I though only VEs did that. (by the way, I
am a VE, acccedited under the ARRL, W5YI, and DeVry VECs...and no, I am
not a member of the League, not do I intend to be)

--Robert/WA3J

Date: 22 Jul 1993 19:41 CDT
From: nntp.ucsb.edu!mustang.mst6.lanl.gov!nntp-server.caltech.edu!
elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!jane.uh.edu!st2cm@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <22i5vt\$9k6@techbook.techbook.com>, <CAIpCC.MsL@dartvax.dartmouth.edu>,
<m4qvtdINNrqk@news.bbn.com>wrind
Subject : Re: STILL waiting for your license? Read this and weep!

In article <m4qvtdINNrqk@news.bbn.com>, levin@bbn.com (Joel B Levin) writes...

>In article <CAIpCC.MsL@dartvax.dartmouth.edu>, Kenneth.E.Harker@Dartmouth.Edu
(Kenneth E. Harker) writes:

>|> And I was actually considering joining the ARRL myself, but now I don't

>|> think so. I

WHY would you want to join the ARRL, Ken? And do you really think they're too concerned that you're not, or if you did, your \$30 a year (or however much it NOW is) Is going to buy you any extra speed?

If you're dissatisfied with the service you're receiving, do what any other consumer would do: Go to a different session.

--Robert/WA3J

Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1993 13:09:28 GMT
From: pravda.sdsc.edu!news.cerf.net!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!
rsg1.er.usgs.gov!dgg.cr.usgs.gov!bodoh@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <22hbg9INN6ju@bashful.isi.com>,
<1993Jul21.223647.27884@TorreyPinesCA.ncr.com>,
<1993Jul22.020659.17371@anomaly.sbs.com>
Subject : Re: Give a VE \$5.60, walk

In article <1993Jul22.020659.17371@anomaly.sbs.com>, kd1hz@anomaly.sbs.com (Rev. Michael P. Deignan) writes:

|> kevin@TorreyPinesCA.ncr.com (Kevin Sanders) writes:
|>
|> >Dumbing down the theory tests and eliminating the CW test in order to
|> >"revitalize" the hobby by taking in many new hams is like eating
|> >empty calories....
|> >But I know of so many CB transplants who are just that, and use their
|> >2M radios like extended-range CB's. These people they are perfectly
|> >content to trash the 2M repeaters and, to them, that's what amateur radio
|> >is all about. They have no desire to expand their horizons. They are
|> >inhabiting the VHF bands in increasing numbers. They will eventually
|> >define Amateur Radio in their own image. We Are What We Eat.
|>
|> Amen! At long last another voice speaks the truth. Yeah, its not
|> politically correct, and no doubt you're going to receive a ton of
|> flame mail attempting to berate you, but rest assured that there
|> are thousands of amateurs out there who agree with you. In fact,
|> I daresay that the *majority* of radio amatuers (excluding the no-
|> clues, that is) would agree with you, except that they would have
|> to deal with the harassing flame mail if they did.
|>
|> The welfare-state mentality of this country has finally hit home in
|> Amateur Radio. People claim it is "too hard", or
|>
|> #define NASAL_WHINE ON

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|>
|> Whhhhhhy should I have to do the code? Its out-daaaaaaated.
|>
|> #define NASAL_WHINE OFF
|>
|> All of this has given way to the "want-it-all-for-no-work" individuals to get
|> involved in the hobby.
|>
|> At what point do we stop "dumbing down" the tests? When someone microwaves
|> his family when attempting to work 1.2 gigahertz? Or, when someone's house
|> blows up due to his HF rig being grounded to the natural-gas inlet in his
|> house? Or, do we just consider these types of incidents (and believe me,
|> eventually they will happen, if they haven't happened already) "survival
|> of the fittest" and be happy that their genes have been eliminated from the
|> gene pool?
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As a "no-clue" you would be surprised to hear that I would support more stringent written tests and keeping code - even though I think that eventually the requirement for 20WPM may be relaxed. What I resent is your lumping together all no-coders. I once saw a black man who was on welfare being arrested. Can I then assume that all black men are criminals on welfare?

Yes, there are those no-clues which treat 2M as extended CB. If they are violating part 97 - then let's do something about it. Or are they just violating your rules - the ones that say that knowing code somehow gives a ham some divine wisdom and insight to hamdom and those who don't know code are unworthy? Rather than alienate them by rejecting them - how about getting to know some of them and get them interested in HF/code - I'd be willing to bet that some of them would be quite receptive to such an approach, and getting to know them will make them more cautious on the air as they begin to see you as their elmer and they know you are listening.

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|> Of course, amateur radio organizations like the ARRL are to blame
|> as well. Especially those that supported the no-code license, and
|> the VECs who are "dumbing down" the theory tests to "make it easier".
|> Their motto: Quantity before Quality. After all, quantity means
|> more memberships. More memberships means a greater circulation base
|> for QST, and a greater circulation base means greater advertising
|> revenues.
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You are right here - we need to maintain a knowledge based licensing requirement.

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|> >Of course I live in Southern California, 2M Repeater Hell, so perhaps
|> >that has made me overly cynical. I welcome other comments.
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|> 146.700 is the local "no-clue" hangout. Unfortunately, its also the
|> repeater with the best coverage (virtually the entire state of RI)
|> so I guess its prone to that sort of thing.
|>
|> Its really funny, though, whenever I get on HF and ask what the local
|> 2 meter VHF scene is like, the answer is 95% of the time the same as
|> yours. Some people like the no-clue license, but most of the ones I've
|> talked to think it has ruined local VHF communications.
|>

Ruined what - the opportunity for old duffs to discuss how no-clues have ruined hamdom, or to discuss the weather ad-nauseum? What I am saying here is that flaming the no-clues for the content of their traffic is a dangerous precedent since much of the traffic heard on repeaters anywhere lacks technical content - even when populated by "cluers". Perhaps all hams could stand to inject some technical content - I do occasionally hear some, and that is encouraging.

|> Do not despair. Other amateurs recognize this fact. Some of them are
|> forming local organizations designed to keep the no-clue scum out of
|> the local scene. For example, the Rhode Island 2x2 Amateur Repeater
|> Association has a \$4,000 membership application fee for no-clues.
|> Novices are \$2,000, Generals \$1,000, Advanced \$500, and Extra \$250.
|> People who upgrade within a year of joining get a refund between the
|> difference.
|>

I think that providing incentives for upgrading is good, but the numbers that you gave are somewhat extreme. Numbers that high indicate to me that you will alienate more no-clues from ever wanting to join - rather than encouraging them to become "clues". These numbers indicate that these organizations don't really want no-clues to join or to upgrade. I would suggest that if such clubs really want to provide incentive that they make the numbers something like \$600/\$400/\$300/\$250. This would probably bring in more money and would lead to more upgrades.

|>
|> Don't be fooled by the virulent pro-no-cluers here. This is USENET.
|> Bastillion of the liberal mentality borne from the Universities at
|> which is was founded. Their welfare-state mentality of making it
|> "fair" for everyone means the eventual elimination of all requirements.
|> Already the no-cluers are crying for HF privs. Pretty soon, just open
|> the box, take out your radio and your license, and get on the air.
|>

Probably to safest assumption that you could make is that usenet users have a higher than average educational level. The average age is most likely

lower than the average age of "cluers" - hence your interpretation that it is a haven for no-clues. Yes - you are probably outnumbered here. I am somewhat encouraged by the fact that you persist in making your point - it shows that you care about the future of ham radio. If you could redirect even half of this effort into recruiting "no-clues" into the rank and file of HF/code enthusiasts, you would see related problems decrease. No-code is here to stay - so rather than complain or try to alienate them, why not try - diplomatically, and by example - to sway them towards "cluedom". Become an elmer to the no-clues...

|> MD

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+ "Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends!" EL&P
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